

To: Ferrell, Mark[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]
From: Scharr, Ruth
Sent: Sat 1/11/2014 4:12:03 AM
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Mark, Are you the EPA representative that was reported to be enroute earlier today to Charleston WV. If so where are you stationed.

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:31 PM
To: Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Late this evening (Friday) West Virginia DEP ordered Freedom Enterprises Inc to begin removing all the chemicals in the 14 above-ground storage tanks at the Elk River spill site within 24 hours. Materials in 3 tanks have already been removed. Freedom must submit a plan to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater before the weekend is over.

From: Burns, Francis
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 8:54:42 PM
To: R3 HOTSITES
Subject: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

This afternoon there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is the old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was methylcyclohexane, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.